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Madrid, March 15. *N. S.*

THE King of *Spain* is very well, and goes abroad frequently; and 'tis said, the Court will shortly remove to the *Escurial*, and from thence to *Guardalupa*. Orders are sent to *Cadiz*, to hasten the fitting out 8 Men of War in that Port, which are designed to carry a Reinforcement of several thousand Men, and Supplies of Ammunition to the *Spaniards* at *Carthagena* in the *West-Indies*. 'Tis said, the Galeons will sail from *Cadiz* in *September* next. Don *Lucas Trelloe*, President of the Council of *Granada*, died some days ago, and he is succeeded in this Employment by Don *Garcia Bassan*. The Count *de Ribecourt*, Son to Don *Hiego Spinola*, is made Lieutenant-General of Horse in the *Spanish Netherlands*. The Duke *de Hyar*, Master of the Horse to the Queen, is lately dead, without leaving any Issue Male. The last Letters from *Ceuta* say, the *Moors* continue the Siege of that Place, but most of their Batteries have been ruined in several Sallies by the Besieged, and their Ammunition begins to fail.

Rome, March 13. The Pope entred yesterday into the 86th year of his Age, and received the Compliments of the Foreign Ministers, the Cardinals, and other Persons of Quality on this occasion. Signior *Erizzo*, Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, had his first Audience of the Pope yesterday with the usual Ceremonies. 'Tis believed the Pope will shortly hold a Consistory, to give the Hats to the new Cardinals who have not yet received them, and to declare the Choice he has made of Signior *Gualtieri* to be his Nuncio at the *French* Court, Signior *Aquaviva* in *Spain*, and Signior *Pignatelli* in *Poland*. Signior *Ruffo* is made Master of the Pope's Chamber in the room of Signior *Aquaviva*. The Employment of Library-keeper of the *Vatican*, vacant by the death of Cardinal *Casanatta*, is given to Cardinal *Norris*. The Pope has given Directions for building a Fort at *Civita-Vecchia*; He has given 1000 Crowns a year to the Hospital of St. *Michael* out of the Revenues of the Bishoprick of *Osimo*. The Great Duke of *Tuscany* is expected here from *Florence* in the *Easter* Holidays.

From the Saxon *Camp before* Riga, Mar. 19. *N. S.* On the 16th Instant another Detachment of our Forces joined those that had invested the *Dunamunder* Fort, and increased their number to about 2000. The *Suedes* at *Riga* perceiving the Motion of our Troops, fired very warmly upon them with their Cannon, and were answered by ours from the *Kober-Schans*; Our red Bullets set fire to some Houses in the Town, but 'twas soon put out, and no great Execution was done on either side. Last night the *Suedes*, to the number of 300, commanded by the Sieur *Tiesenhuysen*, sallied out of the Town, but were beaten back with the loss of 150 killed, and the Sieur *Tiesenhuysen* with several others taken Prisoners; He was brought to the General's Quarters, where he soon died of his Wounds, much lamented by the *Suedes*, being a very good Officer, and a Man of great Interest among the Gentlemen of *Livonia*. We are making Preparations to storm the *Dunamunder* Fort, a Post of great Consequence, and defended by 1000 *Suedes*. Several Batteries both of Cannon and Mortars are raised against it, and began to play yesterday; 2000 Men more are ordered to join those who lie before the said Fort, and 1000 Dragoons are posted at *Magnus Holme*, to hinder the *Suedes* in *Riga* from sending any Assistance thither. Count *Dahlberg*, Governor of *Riga*, has published a *Manifesto*, in Answer to that put out by General *Fleming* at his first coming before this Place; He therein absolutely denies what was alledged by the said General, as the reason of his coming into *Livonia*, *viz.* That the *Suedes* were making Preparations to fall upon the *Saxons* quartered in *Lithuania*; He also Answers the other parts of General *Fleming*'s Paper, and Exhorts the Gentlemen of *Livonia* to remain true to their Allegiance, and to come in and assist him to defend *Riga*, assuring them, that considerable Succours are coming from *Finland* and *Sueden*.

Mittaw, March 19. The *Saxons* before *Riga* have received 20 Pieces of Cannon and 3 Mortars from the Fortress of *Birza*, and a great many Country People were summoned to bring in Horses to draw the Artillery that is made use of against the *Dunamunder* Fort, which the *Saxons* began to batter yesterday. They fire continually from the Town, and the *Saxons* do the like from the *Kober* Fort, but hitherto with little effect on either side. There is a Report, (but we know not how far it may be credited,) That a great Body of *Muscovites* are drawing together, and that 12000 are marching towards the Frontiers of *Livonia*.

Warsaw, March 20. Most of the Persons of Quality who attended the King of *Poland* to *Saxony* are returned hither, and the King is expected in a very short time. The Cardinal Primate is gone to spend some days at his House at *Radziewowsky*. 'Tis said, he has received a Letter from the King of *Poland*, acquainting him with the March of his *Saxon* Forces into *Livonia*, and desiring the Forces of the Crown may join them; But the *Polanders* seem to have no inclination to begin a War; And they write from *Lithuania*, that the Gentlemen of that Dutchy are in the same disposition, and intend to send Deputies to the King to desire he will raise the Siege of *Riga*, which occasions a great interruption in their Trade. General *Sapieha* is assembling together the Forces of that Dutchy, but we hear he has absolutely refused to join the Forces before *Riga* before he has Orders from the Republick, and that he only intends to quarter his Troops on the Borders of *Lithuania*, that they may be in a readiness to act as there shall be occasion.

Vienna, March 20. The *Turkish* Ambassador has not yet begun his Conferences with the Commissioners appointed by the Emperor to Treat with him, and 'tis said, that the greatest part of the Business between this Court and the *Ottoman* Port will be transacted at *Constantinople* by Count Ma-